

tional labor as may be necessary: *Provided, however*, that the money raised under this section shall as far as possible be used for permanent improvement of the roads.

SEC. 2. That the board of county commissioners, at their regular meeting in June of each year, shall appoint a county road superintendent, whose salary shall be fixed by said board, to be paid out of the county road fund; that it shall be the duty of said superintendent, subject to the approval of said board, to supervise and have charge of the maintenance and building of all public roads and bridges of Edgecombe County, and he shall submit to said board a monthly report concerning the work in progress and the expenses incurred, and he shall submit a quarterly report on the condition of the public roads and bridges, with plans for their improvement. He shall include in his quarterly report an inventory of the tools, implements and other equipments on hand. If in the opinion of said board the employment of a county road superintendent is not consistent with the best interests of the county, then said board shall not be required to employ one, but in lieu thereof they may appoint a township superintendent for one or more townships in the county, whose duties and responsibilities in such townships shall be the same as those provided in section one of this act for county road superintendent, and he shall be paid and his salary fixed by said board; that the said board may discharge him upon ten days' notice.

County road superintendent.
Duties of superintendent.
Monthly reports.
Quarterly reports.
Inventory in quarterly reports.
Employment of superintendent discretionary.
Township superintendents.
Discharge upon ten days' notice.

SEC. 3. That the superintendent of roads, with the approval of said commissioners, shall have power to employ and discharge such guards as may be needed to take charge of the convict force and such other laborers as may be employed. He shall have the power to employ one or more persons in each township to be known as township supervisors, who, acting under the supervision of the county road superintendent and county commissioners, shall supervise the road work in the township for which he is appointed.

Employment of guards and laborers.
Township supervisors.

SEC. 4. That all prisoners confined in the county jail under final judgment of any court having jurisdiction, for crime or imprisonment for the non-payment of costs or fines, or under final judgment in the cases of bastardy, or under vagrant acts, and all insolvents who may be imprisoned by any court of competent jurisdiction in Edgecombe County for the non-payment of costs, and all persons who may be sentenced in said county to the State's Prison for a term less than ten years, may be worked on the public roads: *Provided*, that said commissioners may arrange with the commissioners of neighboring counties for such an exchange of prisoners during alternate months or years as will enable them to increase the number of prisoners at work on its public roads at any given time, and that upon application of the chairmen of boards of county commissioners to the judge of the superior court, the justice of the peace or said principal officers of any municipality or other inferior courts, it shall be the duty of the said

Prisoners to be worked on roads.
Proviso: exchange of labor.
Convicts to be sentenced to work on roads.